MONTREAL, April 29th, 1819.

SIR

I TAKE the earliest opportunity of presenting you with the following extracts from a law of this Province, regulating its intercourse with the United States, and which places the trade on a much more liberal footing.

"II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the following articles or any of them may during the continuance of this Act be freely imported into this Province from the United States of America, by Land or Inland Navigation without payment of any Duty whatsoever; that is to say: Gold and Silver coin or bullion, masts, yards, bowsprits, spars, planks, boards, knees, futtocks or ship timber of any kind, pitch, tar, turpentine, rosin, hemp, and flax, hoops, shingles, clapboards, trees, lath-wood, staves, timber, square and round, and timber of any kind, seeds, wheat, rye, oats, barley, potatoes, Indian corn, beans, pease, rice or grain of any kind, fresh or salted beef or pork, and provision of all descriptions, fresh fish, horses, neat cattle, sheep, hogs, poultry, or other live stock or other live provisions of any kind, pot and pearl ashes, butter, cheese, honey, furs and skins, undressed hides or skins, pig Iron, tallow, flour of wheat, Indian corn, rye, oats, barley or other grain of any kind and wampum, any Law or Ordinance to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding."

"III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act, the importation of the following articles of the manufacture and produce of the United States of America, shall upon payment of the following Duties, or Security therefor, be permitted, that is to say: leather of all descriptions, leaf tobacco, snuff or flour or powder of tobacco, tobacco manufactured in any other way than into snuff or flour or powder of tobacco, spirits of turpentine and hops, and upon all or any of the above last enumerated articles which shall be imported and brought into this Province from the said United States of America there shall be raised, levied, collected and paid, by the person or persons owning or importing the same, the several Rates and Duties following, that is to say, Five Pounds current money of this Province per centum *ad valorem* upon leather, including all hides and skins taned or otherwise dressed. Two-pence current money aforesaid, upon every pound Avoirdupoise of leaf tobacco, Five-pence, current money aforesaid, upon every pound Avoirdupoise weight of snuff or flour or powder of tobacco, Four-pence, current money aforesaid, upon every pound of Avoirdupoise weight of Tobacco manufactured in any other way than into Snuff or Flour or Powder of Tobacco; one Shilling current money aforesaid, upon every gallon English wine measure of Spirits of Turpentine; two-pence current money aforesaid, upon every pound Avoirdupoise weight of Hops; and after those rates for any greater or less quantity of such articles respectively."

"IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the importation, by land or by inland navigation, into this Province from the United States of America of Rum, Spirits, Copper Coin, and of all other Goods, Wares and Merchandise, not enumerated as aforesaid, shall be and the same is hereby prohibited, and such articles, if imported into this Province as aforesaid, shall be seized and forfeited."

Household Furniture for families moving, farming utensils and travellers baggage, admitted free—Goods of all discriptions, including furs, peltry and other produce of the country are exported free of duty.

THE navigation of the St. Lawrence is now free from ice both above and below this, and arrivals from sea and the lakes are daily expected.

THE great decline in price in the European market for all the leading articles of export from this country must necessarily be followed by a reduction in the price here—We may however look for pretty brisk sales, at the annexed quotations.

Your Obedient Servt.

JABEZ COLT.

Montreal Prices Current—April 28th, 1819.

Ashes Pots,	39*s.* to 40*s.* per cwt.	Brandy,	6*s.* to 9*s.* per gall.
Pearl,	45*s.* do	Gin,	6*s.* to 6*s.* 6*d.*
Pork Prime,	18. to 20. D. per bbl.	Skin Tea,	4*s.* per lb.
Mess,	26. to 28. do	English Iron,	15*s.* to 17*s.* per cwt.
Butter,	1*s.* per lb.	Swedish do	25*s.* to 27*s.* 6*d.* do
Lard,	10*d.* do	(L.) Steel,	7½*d.* per lb
Cheese,	6*d.* do	Tin I C.	60*s.* to 62*s.* 6*d.*
Plour superfine,	40*s.* to 42*s.* 6*d.*	Tin X.	65*s.*
Fine,	35*s.* to 37*s.* 6*d.*	Codfish,	20*s.* per cwt.
Leaf Tobacco,	6*d.* to 7*d.* dull.	Salmon,	D.14 per bbl.
Oak timber,	1*s.* 3*d.* per foot,	Loaf Sugar,	10½*d.*
Pine,	4*d.* do	Muscovado,	65*s.* to 70*s.*
Staves,	£10 per M.	Salt Rock,	2*s.* 3*d.* per minot.
Leather, sde.	1*s.* 6*d.* to 1*s.* 7*d.*	Liverpool,	1*s.* 6*d.* to 1*s.* 8*d.*
Jamaica Spirits	5*s.* 3*d.* to 5*s.* 6*d.* per gall.	Plaster Paris,	35*s.* to 40*s.*

P.S. May 1st 1819 By the fast sailing Ship Triton in 18 days from Liverpool to Boston we have dates to the 3rd April — Markets farther depressed Ashes are quoted 41/. a 43/ — Flour 38/ a 40/ Staves & timber no sale

English

J. Gott

Triton
Cove
Bed
40/